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Juvenile charged in two swatting incidents

LOS ANGELES – A 12-year-old boy who allegedly made prank calls to police that sent officers to Ashton Kutcher's home and a bank in October was charged today with making false bomb threats and other counts, the District Attorney's Office announced.

The juvenile, (dob 4-22-2000) whose name is being withheld because of his age, is due in Eastlake Juvenile Court on Friday for arraignment on two felony counts each of making false bomb threats and computer intrusion, said Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Fairtlough, deputy in charge of the Eastlake Juvenile branch. The case No. is FJ51120.

One prank call, known as swatting, occurred on Oct. 3, when LAPD officers were sent to Ashton Kutcher's Los Angeles home after getting a 911 call that armed men were inside. The second prank call occurred a week later, when police again responded to a Well Fargo Bank on Wilshire on Oct. 10 to learn the emergency was bogus.

The case was investigated by LAPD and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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